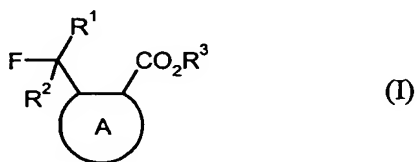


Preparation of fluoromethyl-substituted heterocycles**A b s t r a c t**

The present invention relates to a process for preparing fluoromethyl-substituted heterocycles of the formula (I)



in which R¹, R², R³ and A are each as defined in the description

by fluorinating the corresponding chloromethyl-substituted precursors.